



AGRO-INVEST

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Facilitating Agri-Business Investments



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- Completed Application Form
- Completed Business Proposal Summary/Plan
- Projected Cash Flow Statement
- Bank Statements
- Commitment Letter from Marketers or Investors
- Crop Production Plan
- Copy of TRN & ID
- Copy of Certificate of Incorporation

Conditions Apply

Vision

A stakeholder-centric, market-driven, and technology-focused Agro-Invest will enable Agriculture to become the cornerstone of Jamaica's sustainable socio-economic development.

Mission

Agro-Invest contributes to a viable and sustainable agricultural sector and socio-economic development by mobilizing finance, promoting investment and by providing marketing intelligence, land, infrastructure, and support services.

INTRODUCTION

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Individuals can become investors with Agro-Invest if we assist them with one or more of our product or services.

PRODUCTS

- Development of Global Gap Certified Agro Parks
- Investment Profiles for Crops
- Agricultural Lands (Source & Develop)
- Processing Facilities
- Cold Storage
- Warehouse Rental
- Animal Genetics

SERVICES

- Business Planning
- Agricultural Investment Facilitation
- Investment Promotion
- Market linkages (connecting investors to local and global markets)
- On Farm Technical Support
- Tractor services
- Agricultural land matching services

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- To identify and strengthen competitive and relevant Agro-industries and sub-sectors
- Facilitate investments by providing support services to investors
- Facilitate optimal and effective use of state-owned properties and fixed assets
- Contribute to the expansion of productive capacity of the sector by infrastructure expansion
- Increase the attractiveness of the sector to younger, skilled, and trained entrepreneurs

6. What is the cost for business planning services?
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8. Are there any programmes for youth?
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9. Do we provide market linkages?
Our Cluster Coordinators assist with finding available markets for our investors on the Agro Parks

10. Do you assist with leasing privately owned lands?
We assist investors with leasing their privately owned lands under our Agricultural Land Owner Match Programme



Agricultural Production	Zones
• Low Leyton/Lennox - Portland	• Enfield - Westmoreland
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Agro-Invest and what do we do?

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2. Where are you located?

AMC Complex, 188 Spanish Town Road, Kingston 11.

3. What is the process to lease lands with Agro-Invest?

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4. What is the cost per acre to lease lands?

The cost is based on whether the lands are irrigated/unirrigated or whether they are designated for special groups such as youths

5. What are the minimum acreages for lease on the Agro Parks?

Lands are leased as per advertisement

WHAT IS AN AGRO PARK?

An Agro Park is an area of intensive agricultural production which seeks to integrate all facets of the agricultural value chain from pre-production activities (land clearing, access roads, irrigation and drainage) to production, post harvesting and marketing. All of these activities are being executed within the framework of a tripartite partnership involving the government, the farmers/investors and marketing entities. Agro Parks are a critical component of the government's thrust towards economic development, and in particular foreign exchange earnings and savings.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF AN AGRO PARK?

- Facilitates public/private partnerships
- Promote efficiency in resource allocation and utilization of assets and resources
- Efficiency in service delivery e.g. management, extension and technical support
- Improved economies of scale – in the purchasing of goods and services
- Improved market access
- Sharing of knowledge among investors
- Promote and encourage sustainability
- Create long term and seasonal employment
- Create focal points for agricultural development

HOW DOES THE AGRO PARK FUNCTION?

- To improve farm planning and technology inputs to effect the required improvements identified along the product value chains in order to realize increased production and productivity and improved competitiveness
- To provide irrigation and drainage infrastructure
- To provide farm layout and road networks



- To establish structured marketing arrangements for products produced in the Agro Parks
- To provide cluster development services that will enhance the development of properly organized and appropriately strengthened farmer groups operating within a cluster arrangement and certified production systems
- To provide quality management systems (Global Gap Certification)



WHAT IS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ZONE?

Large parcels of land used for agricultural production. Farming is done in structured groups that will improve farmers' processes and productivity.

Support is provided to farmers by way of business planning, market linkages, securing of grant funding, crop selection and scheduling recommendations, along with guidance on how to develop best agricultural practices.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Management of State Owned Assets**
- **Investment Project Development**
- **Project Management**

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Recognizing that most business financing models have a debt and equity component, technical expertise will be available to design loan packages, working with such local institution as the Development Bank of Jamaica and external lending agencies. The equity portion will be mobilized through leveraging the Agro-Invests assets base to secure external capital.

OUR AGRO PARKS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ZONES

Agro-Invest currently manages eight (8) Agro parks and nine (9) Agricultural productions zones:

AGRO PARKS

Public:

- **Plantain Garden River (PGR) - St. Thomas**
- **Amity Hall - St. Catherine**
- **Ebony Park – Clarendon**
- **Spring Plain – Clarendon**
- **Mango Agro Park – Clarendon**
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